

Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

23 July 2019

Mr. Liam Knox
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411A Highland Avenue
Somerville, MA 02144

Reference: F-2019-00871

Dear Mr. Knox:

This acknowledges receipt of your 16 May 2017 letter requesting the status concerning your 24 January 2019 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for **a copy of the CIA's files on Juan Guaido, the current President of Venezuelan National Assembly, from 2012-2019. In particular, [you are] interested in correspondences and contact that the agency may have had with Mr. Guaido, and in documents containing Guaido's name along with the terms:**

- **Regime change**
- **Coup**
- **Undemocratic**
- **Nicolas Maduro**
- **Rebels**
- **Opposition**
- **Oust**

Our records indicate that we provided a final response to you concerning this request on 16 April 2019. We are enclosing a copy of our response in the event that you did not receive it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Lilly".

Mark Lilly
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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16 April 2019

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Dear Mr. Knox:

This is further to our letter dated 5 February 2019, and is also a final response to your 24 January 2019 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for **a copy of the CIA's files on Juan Guaido, the current President of Venezuelan National Assembly, from 2012-2019. In particular, [you are] interested in correspondences and contact that the agency may have had with Mr. Guaido, and in documents containing Guaido's name along with the terms:**

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Your request was processed for a search for CIA-produced biographic reports on Juan Guaido on or after 23 January 2019 when he was inaugurated by the Venezuelan National Assembly, and in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and the CIA Information Act, 50 U.S.C. § 3141, as amended.

We conducted a thorough search for records cited in the paragraph above that would reveal an openly acknowledged CIA affiliation with the subject of your request. While we did locate responsive material, we determined that it remains currently and properly classified and must be denied in its entirety on the basis of FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3). A copy of an explanation of exemptions is enclosed.

With respect to any other records, in accordance with Section 3.6(a) of Executive Order 13526, the CIA can neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence of records responsive to your request. The fact of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself currently and properly classified and is intelligence sources and methods information protected from disclosure by Section 6 of the CIA Act of 1949, as amended, and Section 102A(i)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended. Therefore, your request is denied pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3). As the CIA Information and Privacy Coordinator, I am the CIA official responsible for this determination. You have the right to

appeal this response to the Agency Release Panel, in my care, within 90 days from the date of this letter. Please include the basis of your appeal.

If you have any questions regarding our response, you may contact us at:

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Washington, DC 20505
Information and Privacy Coordinator
703-613-3007 (Fax)

Please be advised that you may seek dispute resolution services from the CIA's FOIA Public Liaison or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) of the National Archives and Records Administration. OGIS offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. You may reach CIA's FOIA Public Liaison at:

703-613-1287 (FOIA Hotline)

The contact information for OGIS is:

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National Archives and Records Administration
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202-741-5770
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Contacting the CIA's FOIA Public Liaison or OGIS does not affect your right to pursue an administrative appeal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Riggs Monfort".

Riggs Monfort
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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